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1. Daniel Solod, Soviet Minister to Syria and Lebanon, is reported to have

- visited Armenian Bishop Louis Batanian on 17 February. The following were present: Yabram Kilezian, Ohannes Aghabashian, Wahan Damirdjian, and others. The visit was a return by Solod of the visit of Bishop Batanian to the Soviet Minister about two weeks previously.
- 2. Batanian is reported to have stated that as a result of strenuous opposition, Cardinal Aghajanian had been persuaded to instruct Armenian Catholic priests not to intervene against the renewed emigration of Armenians to Soviet Armenia.

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